

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

35 C.F.R. § 1.75 Rejections

The Examiner objected claim 4 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75 as not substantially differing from claim 3.

Claim 3 depends from claim 2. Claim 4 depends from claim 1. Claim and claim 4 are therefore different.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1, 13, 21 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,085,330 (hereinafter "Hewitt").

To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." (Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) ¶ 2131.)

Applicant's independent claims 1, 13, 21 and 27 of the present application includes limitations not disclosed or taught by the Hewitt. As a result, applicant's claims 1, 13, 21 and 27 are not anticipated by Hewitt.

In particular, applicant's independent claims include the limitation, or a limitation similar thereto, of *snooping a cache via a high power parallel bus during a*

*high power mode of operation; snooping the cache via a low power serial bus having a single data line during a low power mode of operation. Hewitt, however, does not disclose nor suggest the claimed *snooping a cache via a high power parallel bus during a high power mode of operation; snooping the cache via a low power serial bus having a single data line during a low power mode of operation.**

Therefore, as a result of Hewitt not disclosing applicant's claimed limitation, applicant's independent claims are not anticipated by Hewitt.

Furthermore, the remaining claims depend from at least one of the independent claims as discussed above, and therefore also include the distinguishing claim limitations. As a result, applicant's remaining dependent claims are also not anticipated by Hewitt.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

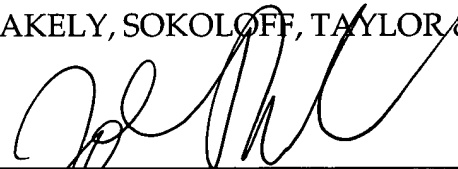
Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

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